

TOWN OF FLOYD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Minutes – April 10, 2024

At 6:30 PM Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. called the meeting to order, stated that all Town Board Meetings are Voice Recorded and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials present: Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilmen Alston J. Huey Jr., Fred Mazza, Daniel Schwertfeger, Robert Evans, Town Clerk Tracy Sexton, Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander. Town Attorney Kathryn Festine was absent.

Approval of Warrants:

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the General Warrants from Claim #24A168 to Claim #24A186, totaling \$6,718.55 seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Refuse & Garbage Warrants from Claim #24SR050 to Claim #24SR051 totaling \$125.00 seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Warrants from Claim #24SW070 to Claim #24SW071, totaling \$97.67 seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to pay the Highway Warrants from Claim #24DA097 to Claim #24DA099, totaling \$7,585.76, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Note: For the record, that this meeting was called by the Town Supervisor with all board members receiving notice by text message, telephone, and or in person verbally on before 4/08/2024 followed by public notice on the Town's web site, Town Hall Bulletin Board and LED Sign on Rte 365 by the Firehouse.

ACTION ITEMS:

2-Day Waiver:

Because this meeting is being called by the Supervisor on short notice Supervisor Streiff asks for a motion to waive the 2-day written notice.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to waive the 2-day written notice, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Premium Increase:

Due to an erroneous oversight, the town forgot to include a fire fee of \$26.00 and due to additional snowplow equipment being added to the town's newest vehicle in the Highway Department our Travelers Insurance Premium is increasing by a total of \$109.00.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to approve the premium increase by \$109.00, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Claim Notice:

Due to an issue stemming from a problem with the town's Monthly NY State Retirement Reports dating back to the 2nd and 3rd, quarters of 2023, resulting in 3 employees being delinquent (through no fault of their own) on loan payments to the State Retirement, thus causing them to receive 1099's from the State Retirement System, showing the unpaid balance of their loans as income for IRS taxes.

This resulted in each employee being placed in a higher income bracket for their 2023 Federal Income Taxes and having to pay the IRS as follows:

General for Jerome Alexander Jr. \$3,089.00

Highway for Michael Craver for \$2,897.00

Highway for Paul Schultz for \$648.00

The Town Supervisor and Deputy Budget Officer are working with the Town Attorney along with Senator Griffo's Office to try and correct this matter. If the town is successful, this is likely to take some time and these employees should not have to suffer the consequences and pay out of their own pockets for this mistake.

Therefore, Supervisor Streiff suggests, based on the recommendation of the Town Attorney, that we pay these individuals the amounts listed above. Only if and when this matter can be reversed, and then and only then would the employees be required to file an amended Tax Return and refund the money back to the Town.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion stating that if the town can get it reversed, the employees can be fair back to the town and give it back to the town, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Additional Account Codes:

In order to take care of the above matter the town needs to add the following Account Codes to our 2024 Town Budget as follows:

- a) General Fund add A90898.1.8 (Other Employee Benefits).
- b) Highway Fund DA 90898.2.8 (Other Employee Benefits).

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the above account codes to the 2024 Town Budget, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Budget Amendment:

(1) General Fund:

- (a) Decrease Contingency A1990.4 by \$3,200.00
- (b) Increase Unallocated Insurance A1910.4 by \$109.00
- (c) Increase A90898.1.8 by \$3,089.00

(2) Highway Fund:

- (a) Decrease Personal Services PS DA 5110.1 by \$3,545.00
- (b) Increase Other Employee Benefits DA 90898.2.8 by \$3,545.00

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to approve the above budget amendments, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Temporary Summer Laborer:

Last year the town hired John Streiff for this position as a Temporary Summer Laborer to help maintain the Town Park and various other tasks as warranted. John did an excellent job and in talking with Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr., the town would like to bring John back for 2024. Supervisor Streiff has talked to John and he has agreed to return.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to rehire John Streiff as a Temporary Summer Laborer for the Town Park commencing as weather permits on or about April 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately November 1, 2024 at a rate of \$20.50 per hour for a 24 to 32 hours per week, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Park Repairs:

As spring is near, the town will shortly be preparing to Open the Town Park. As the town proceeds there will surely be repairs we need to make. Therefore, Supervisor Streiff is asking the board to grant authorization for him to approve any necessary repairs up to \$1,500.00.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to grant Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. authorization to approve any necessary repairs up to \$1,500, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Part-Time Laborers:

Last year the town had a need for Part Time Laborers to take care of the Moulton Memorial and the opening and closing of the Town Park.

For the Colonel Moulton Memorial, along with the signs for the Town Hall and Highway Garage Signs, Supervisor Streiff recommends the town rehire Sandra Farney.

Duties for this position would include weeding, planting and maintaining Flowers and Shrubbery at each location along with sweeping and cleaning the inside area of the memorial.

This position would entail working from May 6, 2024 through October 27, 2024 with a rate of pay of \$150.00 per week.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to hire Sandra Farney as a Part Time Laborer from May 6, 2024 through October 27, 2024 with a rate of pay of \$150.00 per week, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

For the Part Time laborer to Open and Close the Town Park, Supervisor Streiff recommends the town rehire Kirk Jeffers.

Duties for this position would include Opening and closing the park daily from May 6, 2024 through October 27, 2024. His duties include making sure bathrooms and kitchen are clean, garbage and recycling containers are emptied and miscellaneous other tasks to keep the facilities presentable and in working order.

Rate of pay to be \$150.00 per week.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve Kirk Jeffers as a Part Time Laborer to open and close the town park from May 6, 2024 through October 27, 2024 with a rate of pay of \$150.00 per week, seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

ADJOURN:

At 7:10 PM Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Town Clerk